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**NOTICE OF EX PARTE**

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**VIA ECFS**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Investigation of Certain Price Cap Local Exchange Carrier Business Data Services  
Tariff Pricing Plans, WC Docket No. 15-247; Special Access Rates for Price Cap Local  
Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 05-25 and RM-10593; Business Data Services in an  
Internet Protocol Environment, WC Docket No. 16-143*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 30, 2016, Dan McCarthy, President and CEO of Frontier Communications, met via telephone with FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, to discuss the proceeding referenced above. Mr. McCarthy described Frontier's business model and revenue mix after its recent acquisition of the former Verizon properties in California, Florida and Texas, including the significant investments that Frontier has made in broadband across its territory. Mr. McCarthy also pointed out that any significant reductions in business data services (BDS) revenue will trigger the need for workforce reductions and capex reductions. He further described the need for the Commission to consider a transition period for any BDS rate reductions affecting mid-size ILECs.

Please contact me with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Saperstein

cc: Stephanie Weiner